

REMARKS

Applicant submits herewith a further declaration, noting that current PTO rules require the identification of only a single error.

In light of withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 52-54 as being an improper recapture, no further comments are deemed necessary.

The rejection of Claims 36, 53 and 72 under 35 USC § 112, ¶ 2 is deemed overcome by the foregoing amendments. Reconsideration of this rejection is requested also in light of the following comments.

The subject matter of Claims 36 and 53 refers to Fig. 3 (or Fig. 4), not Fig. 9. The amendments should clarify this beyond question. Applicant understands that the Examiner agrees that the preamble language is appropriate. The claimed method results in a product, either final or intermediate, which has been treated at one or more stations, thus resulting in a tangible article subject to 35 USC § 271(g), i.e., a product made by a process patented in the U.S.

As also reflected in the Interview Summary, the rejection of Claim 72 as being unpatentable over Helms in view of Lorenz under 35 USC § 103(a) is deemed overcome with respect to the cited prior art. Neither Helms nor Lorenz teach or suggest an arrangement for transporting the workpieces perpendicular to the radial transport direction such that the workpieces can be kept on the conveyors during treatment.

Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #622/40901C2).

Respectfully submitted,

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